



**GREECE CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

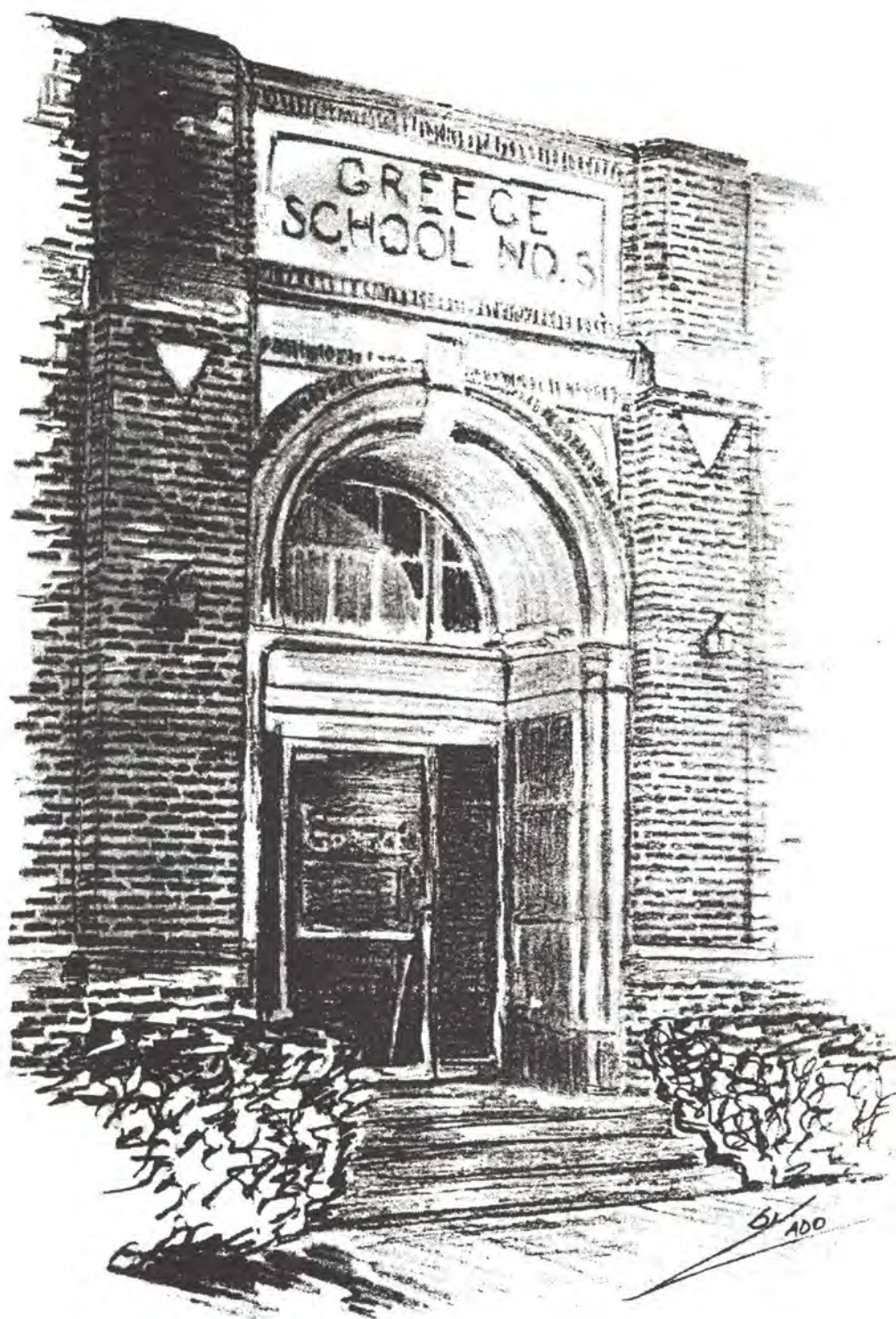
**1928-1988**











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## PREFACE

July 1, 1988, is the sixtieth anniversary of Greece Central School District. Having lived and worked in our school district for the past twenty-one years, it is fitting to make a modest attempt to portray the development of one of the outstanding and largest school districts in New York State.

The growth of our town and school district, during this sixty-year period, has been profound and, perhaps, unmatched. It has been to our credit during these years that the citizens of our community have provided the necessary leadership to ensure that our school district has kept pace with the dramatic changes that have taken place within the Town of Greece. In slightly more than two hundred years, our town has changed from a wilderness to a fully developed area.

This brief history of the school district is intended to recognize the contributions of residents, staff and students, past, present and future who have, or will, serve the district. I wish to thank Joan Korsch, Town of Greece, for assistance in obtaining maps of the town, Virginia Tomkiewicz, Greece Town Historian, for allowing the reprinting of pictures of our former schools and Douglas Ladd for permitting the use of his sketch of Greece School No. 5, now Central Office.

Raymond W. Page  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
May, 1988



## PROLOGUE

The settlement of western New York began in the late 1780's. In 1777, when the Genesee Country was a vast wilderness, the first settlement in our area was known as King's Landing which is now the Kodak Park area. Both the High Ridge (Ridgeway Avenue) and the Little Ridge (Ridge Road) came into existence as a result of the King's Landing Settlement. The area, which is presently the western part of Monroe County, was developed by settlers from New England, mainly from Connecticut and Massachusetts. A long frontage on Lake Ontario and the encroachments of Rochester's annexations gave Greece an irregular north and east boundary.

On April 4, 1797, the area west of the Genesee River and along Lake Ontario was organized as the Town of Northampton. Peter Shaffer was elected the first school commissioner in 1798. It is recorded that school committee meetings were held in Rowe's Tavern near Ridge and Long Pond Roads. At a special meeting of December 8, 1807, the Town of Northampton was divided into four separate towns. One of these smaller towns, Northampton, included the two river townships, now Gates and Greece. The people of Northampton changed the name of the town to Gates on January 10, 1812. Zaccheus Cholby, Esq. was elected as Town Supervisor at the public house of Jeremiah Olmstead on Ridge Road. During this period of time, the control of Lake Ontario was crucial to the Americans and British. The mouth of the Genesee River was a depot for supplies stored in the warehouses of George Latta. In May, 1814, a fleet of thirteen British ships threatened Charlotte. The men from King's Landing and from the two Ridge Roads, formed at Hanford's Tavern and attempted to trick the

British by disguising their lack of military strength. This indecisive battle contributed to Britain's willingness to make peace. Later, on March 22, 1822, the town was again divided into two towns - Gates and Greece. The first meeting for the town of Greece was held at the Olmstead Tavern and Frederick Bushnell of Charlotte was elected Town Supervisor. The Charlotte lighthouse was built in 1822 and stands on the site of the first house built in the lake area in 1792, by William Hinchey, a soldier in the American Revolution and the first recorded settler in the area that was to become the Town of Greece. The Town of Greece is thought to have been named out of sympathy for the Greek revolution of 1821.



## THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In 1795, "An Act for the Encouragement of Schools" was passed by the New York State Legislature. This act initiated the principle of state aid for public education and defined the structure by which aid was to be administered. New York State allocated \$50,000.00 per year for five years and specified that it was to be distributed to:

- ° Counties on the basis of representation in the Legislature;
- ° Towns on the basis of the number of taxable residents;
- ° School districts on the basis of the number of days of instruction the previous year.

The County Boards of Supervisors were required to raise matching funds for the amount allocated by the State by means of taxation of each town. The town was required to annually elect from three to seven commissioners to apportion the town's share of the State grant and to supervise and direct the common schools. Two or more school district trustees were to be elected by the qualified voters at the annual town meeting. Their duties were to confer with the commissioners in hiring teachers, erecting schools and other matters pertaining to the welfare of the schools. This legislation provided for English and mathematics instruction for children between the ages of five and fifteen. The legislation was modified in 1812, to require each town to raise by taxation, a sum equal to the State grant. The money was to be used to pay teachers' salaries. In 1814, the so-called "Rate Bill" was passed which required each child's parents to pay for his/her education. The "Rate Bill" continued until 1867, when

it was abolished. Common schools were thus declared free to all children. It was against this background that the school districts of the Town of Greece were defined.

#### THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF GREECE

Schools had existed before the establishment of the Town of Greece, but attendance boundaries were largely non-existent. In March, 1823, Greece was divided into school districts. During the ensuing years, changes in district boundaries, establishment of new districts, annulment of others and consolidation and redesignations were frequent. Originally, there were eight districts while two others were added in May, 1824. In 1844, the town commissioner structure for common schools was discontinued and a town superintendent of common schools position was created. Monroe county was divided, at the time, into four State Assembly Districts and a county school commissioner was appointed for each district. The north-western quadrant became the Third Supervisory District and included the towns of Greece, Parma, Clarkson and Hamlin. This structure continued until the establishment of Boards of Cooperative Educational Services in 1955.

In 1830, these early Greece Common School districts, ten wholly and three partly in Greece, were supported by locally collected taxes and matching funds from the Town of Greece and Monroe County. At that time, 593 children attended these schools at an annual cost of \$1.28 per pupil. Each of the common school districts had one room schools with a single

teacher who taught all grades. High schools did not develop until much later. Charlotte was chartered as a high school on December 7, 1897, and served students from District No. 4 and other surrounding areas. School districts in the western part of Greece sent students who qualified to Parma High School in 1899, and Spencerport in 1902. In 1916, Kodak Union High School was planned. Before it was completed, the City of Rochester annexed the area and the high school came to be known as John Marshall. This school served students from Greece District No. 1 and other adjoining areas.

#### ANNEXATION

Prior to 1927, New York State law permitted cities to annex adjacent, unincorporated areas without the consent of the people or town. The City of Rochester freely used the provisions of law to expand its boundaries and tax base. In January, 1915, the city annexed Charlotte and strips of land along the Genesee River. In this annexation, Greece lost 457 acres, about 2000 people and \$2,129,605.00 of its \$11,076,690.00 valuation. On April 26, 1915, the city extended the "Free-Tuition School District" to Common District No. 4, and it ceased to function as a school district. Again, in the spring of 1928, the city annexed 2,304 acres of land and \$4,179,849.00 of Greece's \$10,856,732.00 valuation. In this annexation, the City of Rochester took all of Greece's Common District No. 1, No. 8 and No. 10, and part of District No. 6.



## GREECE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1

In 1914, the first Central Rural Schools Act was approved by the New York State Legislature. Due to the fact that the amount of state aid was inadequate, few central school districts came into existence. By 1925, the Second Central Rural Schools act provided increased state aid incentives. Special aid for construction of buildings and transportation aid were added to other provisions to encourage schools to centralize.

Crowded school conditions were causing problems in Greece's common school districts along Ridge Road and east of Mt. Read Boulevard. The Koda Vista Tract was under development. District No. 3, was having an enrollment boom with the erection of the new Memorial Town Hall in 1919, and new home construction along Ridge Road, Long Pond Road and other arterial roads. The district had to rent space from the Greece Ridge Fire Company to accommodate the overflow of students from the one-room Mitchell Road school house. District No. 16, to the west, was experiencing similar problems and the School house at 3644 Ridge Road was overcrowded. Discussions of double sessions and adding kindergarten classes took place while many citizens were opposed to increased taxes to build additions to existing schools.

Residents' meetings were held throughout the spring of 1928, and several trips were made to Albany to confer with State Education Department officials. Each of the districts held a referendum and on July 1, 1928,

Greece Central School District No. 1, came into being becoming the first central school district in Monroe County and the thirteenth central school district in New York State. On July 9, 1928, the voters approved the acceptance of a donation of eight acres of land in the Koda Vista Tract and the raising of \$200,000.00 for the construction of the Willis N. Britton School, now Hoover Drive Middle School. A second meeting was called to raise an additional \$25,000.00 in order to build a larger school than was originally planned. The school opened in 1929, and a third floor was added in 1931.

As the Town of Greece continued to grow, further consolidations were considered. A county group, Committee on Governmental Organization, recommended that Districts No. 2,5,14 and 15 be formed as the Barnard Central School District. The committee, also, proposed that District No. 9 join Greece Central School District No. 1, that District No. 12 join Spencerport and that Districts No. 6,7, and 13 join Hilton. District No. 9 joined Greece Central on July 1, 1947. However, the Barnard Central School District never developed. In 1954, Districts No. 2 and 14, joined District No. 5 to become a Consolidated District No. 5. Its school at 1790 Latta Road was over-crowded and there was a desire to have a kindergarten. The district began to plan for the construction of Paddy Hill School.

At that time, Greece Central School District No. 1, Consolidated School District No. 5 and Union Free District No. 15, comprised sixty-five

percent of the town area. In 1950, there were 1700 students which grew to 3200 students by 1955. The students were housed in 83 standard-size classrooms and 14 sub-standard rooms in old, wooden buildings. By 1957, the enrollment grew to 4450 students in grades kindergarten through grade eight. In addition, in 1958, the Rochester City School District prohibited students from Greece from attending city high schools. In early 1954, a four-phase long-range plan had been instituted by Greece Central School District No. 1, to forecast trends through 1960. Parent-Teacher groups delivered brochures to all residents of the three districts describing the advantages of a large, centralized district. By May 10, 1955, the annexation was approved by the voters of Greece Central School District No. 1. by a vote of 1132 to 117. Barnard School, Britton Road School, Paddy Hill School and the property for a future school (Longridge) were acquired by the Greece Central School District No. 1 annexation.

Following the annexation, the Board of Education appointed a citizens advisory committee, drawn largely from Parent-Teacher groups, to study future needs of the district. A census was conducted to determine the demographics of the new district. It was determined that the schools would be filled to capacity in 1957 with 4,519 students in grades kindergarten through grade nine with space deficits in the west and north. The district would increase in enrollments by 55 per cent by 1960 for grades kindergarten through grade twelve. Studies were also made concerning the possibility of adapting the old Paddy Hill School on Latta Road as a central office. The advisory committee recommended that the district build two elementary schools, build additions to two elementary



schools which were under construction, add additions to two older schools to accommodate junior high classes, acquire land for an additional elementary school and a high school, build a new high school and provide maintenance and storage areas for a bus fleet. In 1956, central office was established in a farm house at 1139 Maiden Lane, the future site of Olympia High School.

A bond issue for \$6,760,000.00 was passed on June 12, 1956. Work was begun to expand Paddy Hill, West Ridge, Hoover Drive and Britton Road Schools. Longridge and Craig Hill were completed in 1958. Ground was broken for Olympia High School by Hoover Drive School's ninth-graders, Judy McGrath and Craig Spross, members of the first graduating class of 1961, and Olympia High School opened in 1959, for ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students. By 1960, Greece Central had grown from having one elementary school with a budget of \$11,000.00 to a district with six elementary schools, one junior high school and one senior high school and a budget in excess of \$4,000,000.00. The town population had grown from 25,500 residents in 1950, to more that 42,000 in 1957.

Following the opening of Olympia High School in 1959, district enrollments continued to rapidly increase through 1971. During this eleven-year period, 7320 additional students were enrolled for a total district enrollment of 13,448. This two-hundred nineteen percent growth of student enrollments resulted in the construction of:

- ° Autumn Lane Elementary School - 1961
- ° English Village Elementary School - 1961

- ° Britton Road School Additions - 1961 and 1963
- ° Barnard School Addition - 1962
- ° Hoover Drive School Addition - 1962
- ° Lakeshore Elementary School - 1963
- ° Arcadia High School - 1963
- ° Brookside Elementary School - 1965
- ° Parkland Elementary School - 1966
- ° Holmes Road Elementary School - 1967
- ° Kirk Road Elementary School - 1968
- ° Athena Junior/Senior High School - 1969

Student enrollments peaked during the school year 1970-1971 at 13,448 students. A gradual decline in student population continued through the 1975-76 school year. However, the past history of annexation was reversed when on May 27, 1975, governor Hugh Carey signed the bill which would return Greece Free Districts number four, eight, ten and the northern part of number six to the Greece Central School District. In September, 1976, all former free school districts' students were accepted in Greece unless their parents chose to have them continue in Rochester City Schools. The bill provided that the Greece School District would pay tuition for any former free school districts' students who continued in the city. It also provided that the free school districts' residents would, over a five year period, assume full taxation. New York State reimbursed Greece Central for the portion of taxes lost during the phase-in period. By the 1977-78 school year, Greece's enrollments of 13,301

students nearly matched the 1970-71 peak enrollment. Approximately 1,000 students joined Greece Central from the free school districts and all students whose parents opted for continuance in the city's schools have now graduated.

Even with the added students from the former free school districts, the enrollments of Greece Central continued to decline. From 1977 through 1982, enrollments declined by 1,554 students to 11,675. This 12 per cent decline resulted in the closing of Britton Road Junior High School in July of 1981, and the closing of West Ridge Elementary School in July of 1982. Britton Road School was sold on October 13, 1981, for \$1,415,000.00. West Ridge School, on a self-supporting basis, was retained by the district under the direction of the Community Education Office of Greece Central School District. Enrollments continued to decline through 1984 to a total of 10,819 students. In all, the enrollment decline for the district since 1970, totaled 20 per cent or 2,269 students.

While it seems almost inconceivable that school enrollments could decline at the same time that thousands of new homes were being constructed in the Town of Greece, that is what occurred. However, in 1986, signals began to point towards a significant shift in demographic patterns in the school district. Changes in birth rates, economic conditions and continued new home construction were evident. These changing factors will now be applied against a significantly larger base as the Town of Greece has grown to over 90,000 residents. Forecasts of future enroll-



ments predict that our district will have a student population of 12,600 by 1992, and forecasts for the mid-nineties suggest that substantially higher enrollments are probable. Residents and district leaders are, once again, developing plans to accommodate the expected growth of the town and, therefore, the school district.

"Much has changed. Gone are the days when farmers traveled to Podunk, a little community on English Road, enroute to visit John Putnam's sawmill. Gone are many of the peach and apple orchards...the millstreams still flow but the millponds are mostly gone and highway construction and housing development has changed the water courses and the landscape."

"Tragedy? Pride? Excitement? What will the future bring? Who can imagine what tomorrow's headlines will report?...Progress comes painfully at times, as when...the commercialization of Ridge Road West forced demolition of some handsome houses. Progress requires sacrifice and it requires dedication to a vision: the belief that every day in some way things will get better. This is a hope we can share, this hope for newer better things! Times change, the past is all too soon forgotten; but hope is eternal."<sup>1</sup>

As in the past, the everlasting desire for stability will be challenged by changing factors of unknown proportions. Within the next decade, it is expected that the buildable land area of the school district will be consumed. The school district, which is comprised of over 486 acres and 16 school buildings, housing 18 schools and a Community Education Center today, is planning for the needs of our Greece community of the 1990's. As the Greece Central School District has responded to the pro-

1. Eight Miles Along the Shore, Tomkiewicz, Virginia and Husted, Shirley Cox, The Historical Societies of Greece and Monroe County, 1982.

found changes within the Town of Greece in the past sixty years, so will it need to respond to the demands of the next decade and beyond.

As we celebrated the graduation of our first Olympia High School class of 288 students in 1961, so shall we proudly honor the 925 students of Arcadia, Athena and Olympia High Schools who will graduate this year - our twenty-eighth graduating class - our sixtieth anniversary.

The Seal of Greece Central School District No. 1 was adopted from the design of the class ring of the first graduating class from Olympia High School in 1961. The design includes the lamp of knowledge, the wreath of excellence and the acorn refers to children and their potential for growth both physically and mentally. The Greek Temple signifies the sympathetic relationship of the of the Town of Greece to the culture of Ancient Greece as do the five interlocking rings. The rings represent intellectual, cultural, social, physical and spiritual learning. The two dates refer to the foundation of public education in Greece. In 1823, the town was divided into common school districts and in 1928, Greece Central School District No. 1 was established. The seal was modified on April 19, 1973, when the school district's name was changed to Greece Central School District.

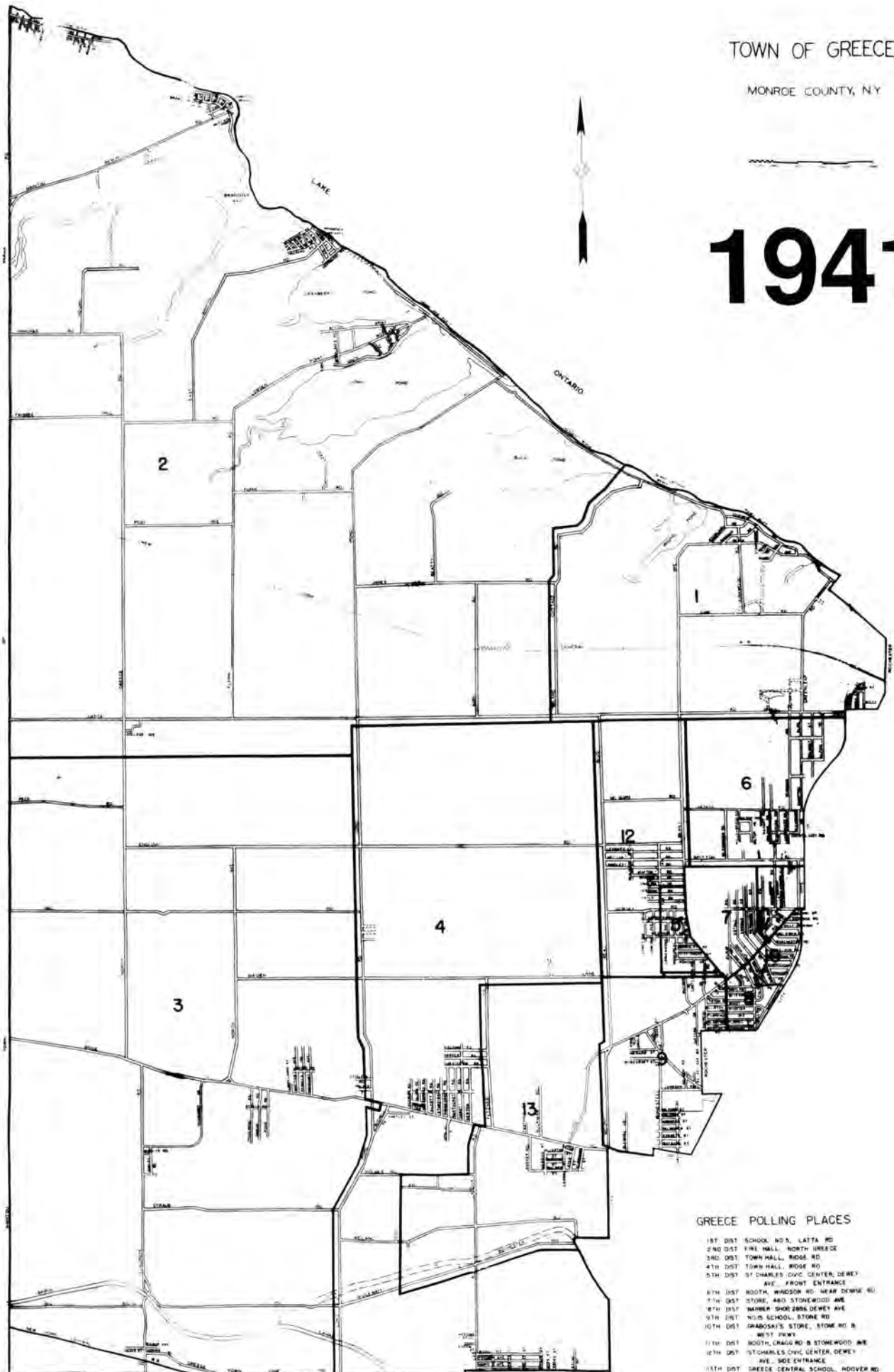




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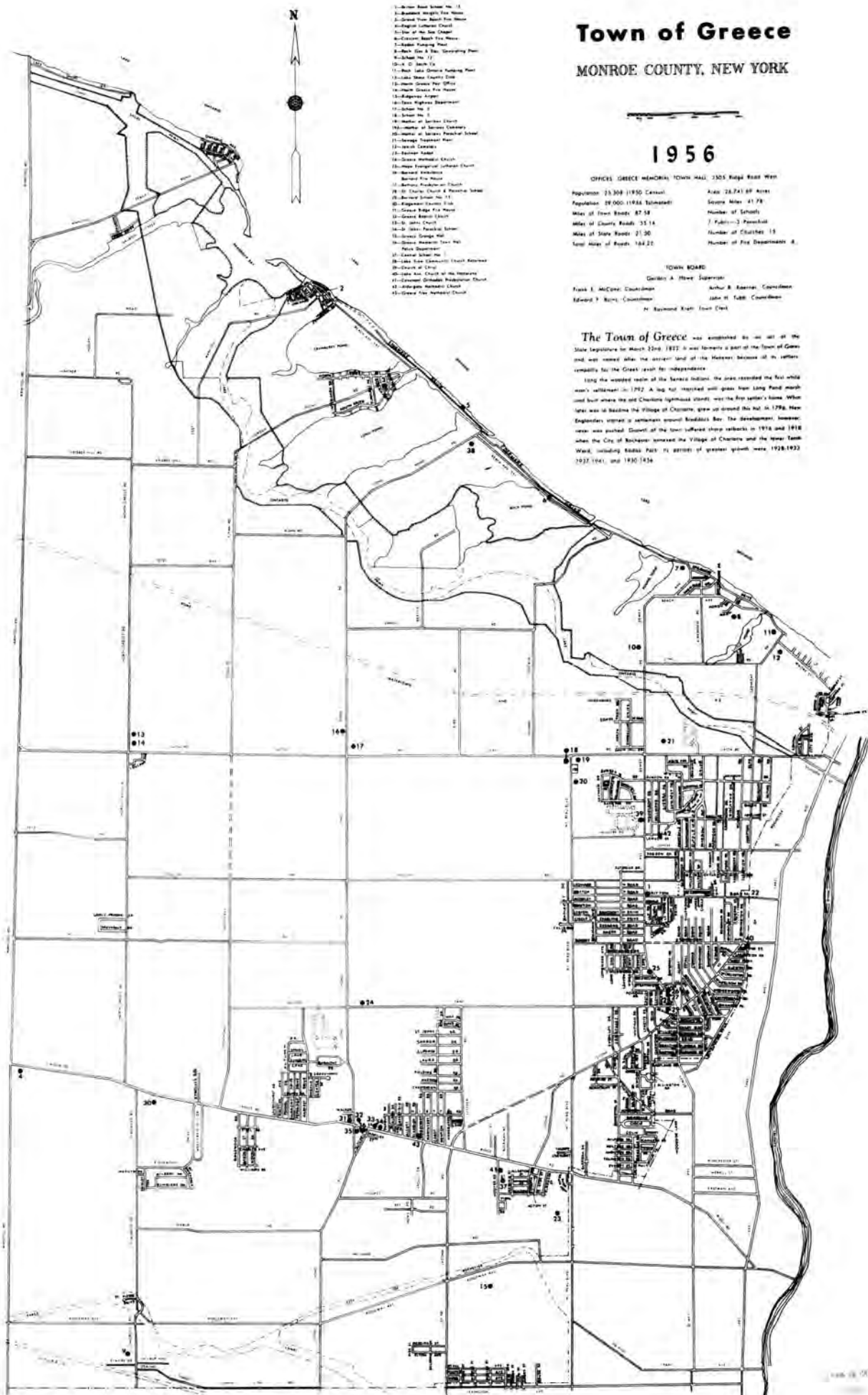
MONROE COUNTY, N.Y.

# 1941



## GREECE POLLING PLACES

- 1ST DIST SCHOOL NO 5, LATTI RD
- 2ND DIST FIRE HALL, NORTH GREECE
- 3RD DIST TOWN HALL, RIDGE RD
- 4TH DIST TOWN HALL, RIDGE RD
- 5TH DIST ST CHARLES CIVIC CENTER, DEWEY  
AVE. FRONT ENTRANCE
- 6TH DIST BOOTH, WINDSOR RD. NEAR DEWEY RD
- 7TH DIST STORE, AND STONEWOOD AVE
- 8TH DIST MAHONEY'S STORE, DEWEY AVE
- 9TH DIST NOLAN SCHOOL, STONE RD
- 10TH DIST GRABOSKI'S STORE, STONE RD &  
WEST HWY
- 11TH DIST BOOTH, ORANGE RD & STONEWOOD AVE
- 12TH DIST ST CHARLES CIVIC CENTER, DEWEY  
AVE. SIDE ENTRANCE
- 13TH DIST GREECE CENTRAL SCHOOL, HOOVER RD



# Town of Greece

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

1956

OFFICES: GREECE MEMORIAL TOWN HALL, 3505 Ridge Road West  
 Population: 25,308 (1950 Census) Area: 28.741 sq. miles  
 Population: 28,000 (1954 Estimate) Density: 41.78  
 Miles of Town Roads: 87.58 Miles of County Roads: 35.18  
 Miles of State Roads: 21.30 Number of Churches: 15  
 Total Miles of Roads: 144.06 Number of Fire Departments: 8

TOWN BOARD  
 Chairman: A. Howe  
 Frank J. McGee, Clerk; Arthur B. Ransom, Supervisor  
 Edward J. Riney, Councilman; John H. Tabor, Councilman  
 At Raymond Smith, Town Clerk

The Town of Greece was established by an act of the State Legislature in March 1826. It was formerly a part of the Town of Greece and was named after the ancient land of the Hellenes because of its similarity to the Greek word for independence.

Using the wooded region of the Seneca Indians, the first recorded settlement was in 1792. A few years later, with grapes from Long Road, much of the town's early growth came from the grapes. The first settlement, which was in the Seneca village of Chautauque, grew up around this point. In 1799, New Englanders arrived in settlement around Roadside Bay. The development, however, never was pushed. Growth of the town suffered sharp setbacks in 1918 and 1919 when the City of Rochester annexed the village of Chautauque and the upper South Ward, including Ridge Road. The 1920s and 1930s of greatest growth were 1928-1932, 1937-1941, and 1950-1954.

Approximate Scale: 1" = 1750'

1970

# Town of Greece Monroe County, New York

OFFICES: GREECE MEMORIAL TOWN HALL, 2505 RIDGE ROAD WEST, ZONE 14626

Population: 75,000

Miles of Town Roads: 177.83

Miles of County Roads: 76.86

Miles of State Roads: 37.79

Total Miles of Roads: 292.50

Area: 26,741.89 Acres

Square Miles: 41.78

Number of Schools:

19 Public — 7 Parochial

Number of Churches: 28

Number of Fire Departments: 7

## TOWN BOARD

Frederick J. Schert, Supervisor

John W. Howell, Councilman

John A. O'Dougherty, Councilman

Theodore C. Huber, Councilman

George E. Tablin Jr., Councilman

Frederick B. Kerry, Town Clerk

THE TOWN OF GREECE — one of the largest and fastest-growing towns in New York State — was established by an act of the State Legislature on March 22, 1922. The town was named in honor of the people of Greece who had already won their independence from Turkish rule.

Using the name of the Greek island, the Greece map was first started in 1880 by Alex de Bouché, de Gales of La Salle's expedition. The first government settlement in the area was made in 1792. Boat building, farming, milling and trading helped contribute to the growth of Greece. Greek Park was a part of the Town of Greece for a quarter of a century, from 1890, when George Estlin owned the site, until 1918, when the City of Rochester annexed it.

The growth of Greece has been dynamic. From 14,923 persons in 1940 to 31,508 in 1950 to 48,870 in 1960 to more than 75,000 in 1970, the town is less than half developed. The growth of the past will be more than matched in the future because Greece possesses untapped resources and potential.

## ADJACENT TOWNS

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2. Greece, N.Y.

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1988



Donald J. Riley, Supervisor  
James G. Doyle, 1st Ward Councilman  
Robert P. Nelson, 2nd Ward Councilman

Roger W. Bully, 3rd Ward Councilman  
Albert F. Melville, 4th Ward Councilman  
Janet Green DiPerna, Town Clerk

# TOWN OF GREECE MONROE COUNTY NEW YORK

OFFICE: GREECE MEMORIAL TOWN HALL  
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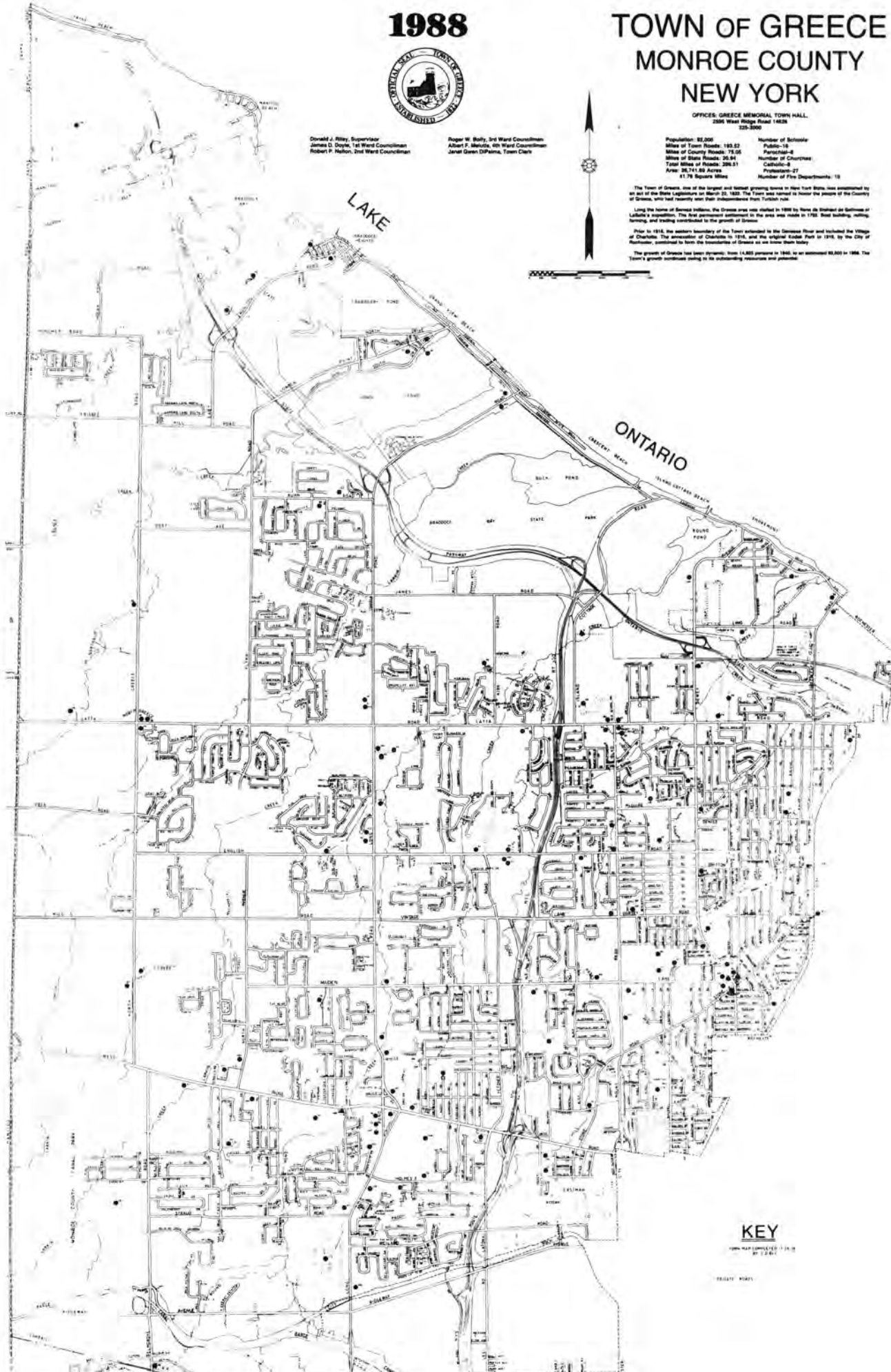
Population: 82,205	Number of Schools: 16
Miles of Town Roads: 193.57	Parishes: 6
Miles of County Roads: 79.05	Number of Churches: 8
Miles of State Roads: 20.94	Catholic: 8
Total Miles of Roads: 294.51	Protestant: 27
Area: 38,715.80 Acres	Number of Fire Departments: 18
41.78 Square Miles	

The Town of Greece, one of the largest and fastest growing towns in New York State, was established by an act of the State Legislature on March 21, 1825. The Town was named to honor the people of the County of Greece, who had recently won their independence from Turkish rule.

Long the home of German influence, the Greece area was visited in 1698 by Hans de Waldeck de Gollmes of Lahr's expedition. The first permanent settlement in the area was made in 1792. Boat building, milling, farming, and trading contributed to the growth of Greece.

Prior to 1914, the eastern boundary of the Town extended to the Seneca River and included the Village of Charlotte. The annexation of Charlotte in 1914, and the original Indian Port in 1916, by the City of Rochester, continued to form the boundaries of Greece as we know them today.

The growth of Greece has been dynamic: from 1,800 persons in 1850, to an estimated 82,205 in 1988. The Town's growth continues today in its outstanding resources and potential.



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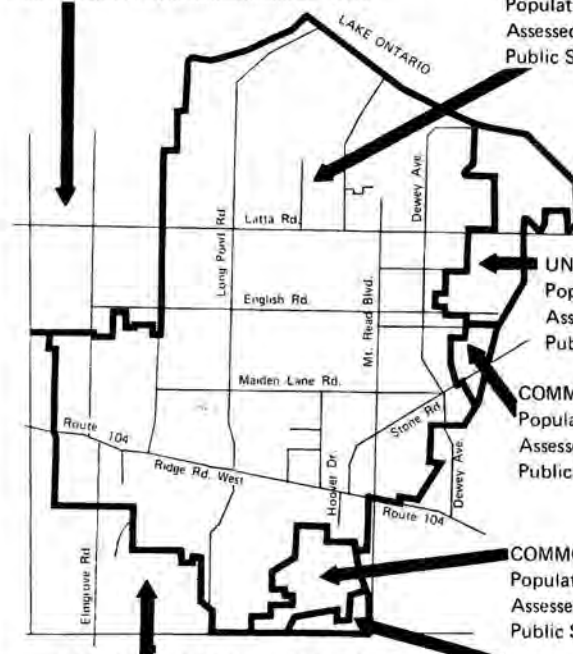
TOWN OF GREECE 1973-74  
 Population ..... \*84,901  
 Assessed Valuation ..... \$180.8mil  
 Public School Pupils ..... \*16,820  
 Total School Tax Exemptions ..... \$1.5mil

**HILTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 (Portion within Greece)

Population ..... \*6,220  
 Assessed Valuation ..... \$8.7mil  
 Public School Pupils ..... \*1,649

**GREECE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Population ..... 58,284  
 Assessed Valuation ..... \$127.9mil  
 Public School Pupils ..... 13,124



**UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4**

Population ..... \*8,996  
 Assessed Valuation ..... \$19.9mil  
 Public School Pupils ..... 539

**COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 10**

Population ..... \*7,595  
 Assessed Valuation ..... \$6.1mil  
 Public School Pupils ..... 455

**COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 8**

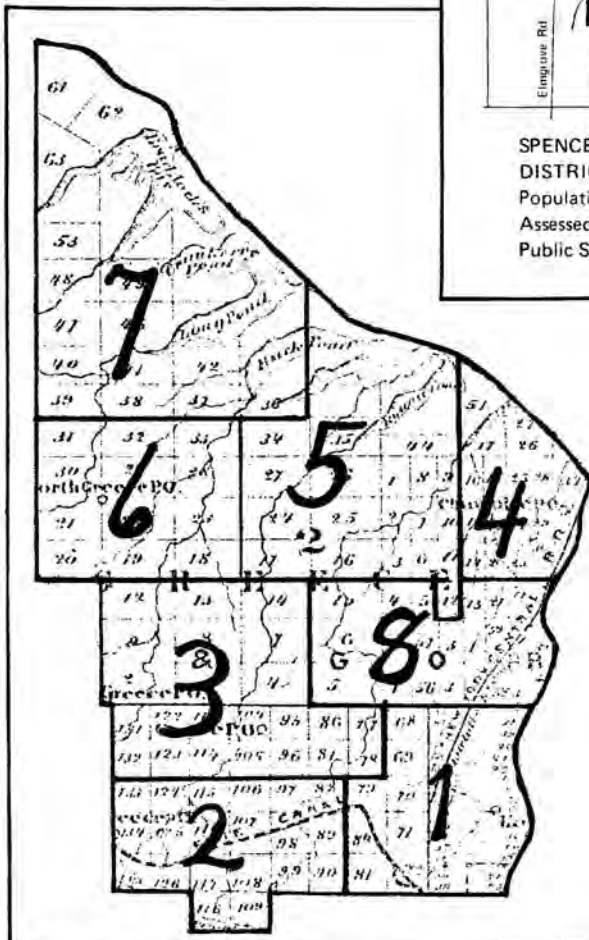
Population ..... \*371  
 Assessed Valuation ..... \$11.5mil  
 Public School Pupils ..... 38

**SPENCERPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (Portion within Greece)**

Population ..... \*3,404  
 Assessed Valuation ..... \$3.9mil  
 Public School Pupils ..... \*1,011

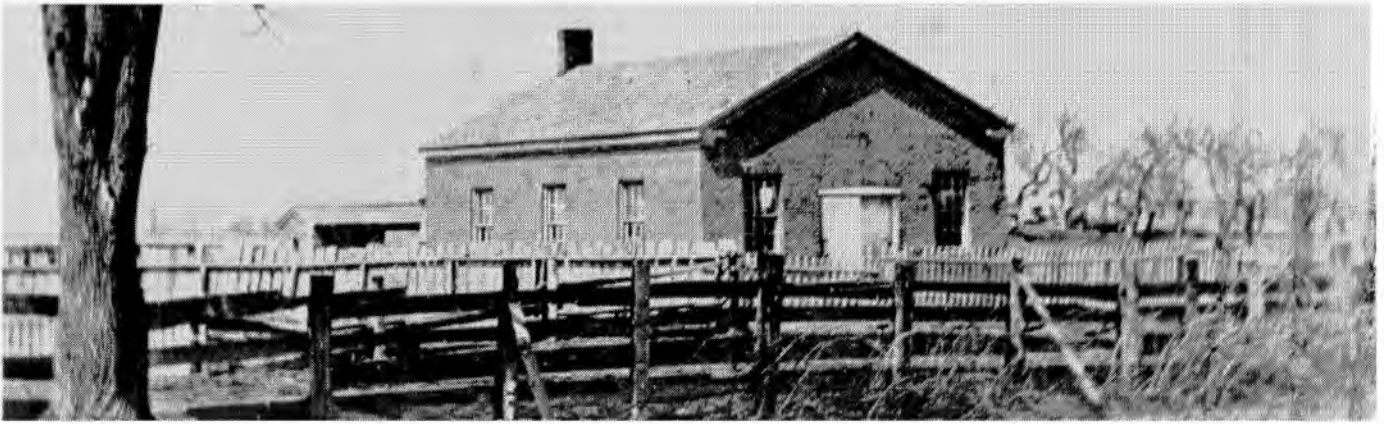
**COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6**

Population ..... \*31  
 Assessed Valuation ..... \$1.3mil  
 Public School Pupils ..... \*4



*Free School Districts.*

*Early school district numbers indicate approximate location of buildings in 1822.*



*District school #1 at Hanford's Landing on the site of Kodak Park.*



*District #3 - Mitchell Road at Long Pond Road - consolidated with Districts 11 and 16 in 1928 to form Greece Central School District.*

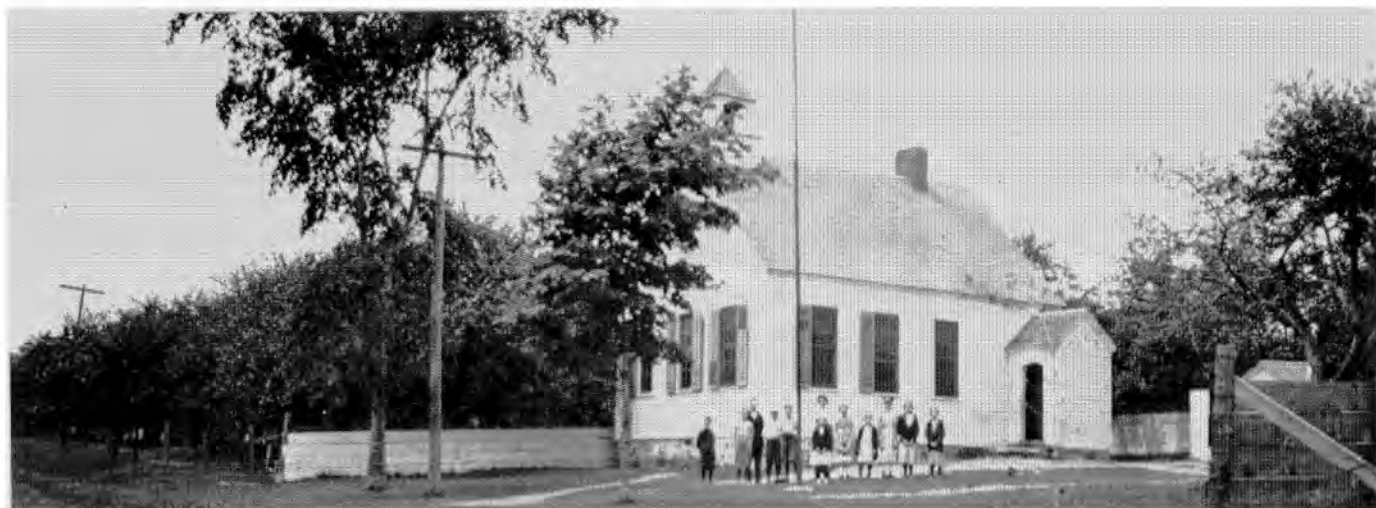


*District School #5 stood on the southwest corner of Mt. Read Blvd. and Latta Road on the same property as the present school. The north end of the Mother of Sorrows shed for horses and carriages is seen at left. Notice the fork in the road where Mt. Read approaches Latta Road. The school was closed in 1929.*



*District #6 at North Greece joined the Hilton Central School District #1 in 1949. College Avenue, so named because it led to the school, was dubbed "The Gooseneck" by local residents because of its bend, and the school was sometimes referred to as "the gooseneck school". Above is the old brick school.*

*Left, the wood frame school, now a home.*



*District #7 - north side of Frisbee Hill Road, east of North Greece Road, joined the Hilton School District upon centralization in 1949.*





*School #9 at 1048 Long Pond Road. Greece Methodist Church was organized here in 1841. Its frame successor (below) is now a private residence.*



*District #10 school, Lake Avenue opposite Stonewood Avenue employed two teachers by 1911, and when part of the district was annexed by the city in 1915 the school continued to educate the children in the town who were then in the free school district.*





*#11 School - North side of Ridge Road near Mt. Read Blvd., opposite VerHulst Farm Market, on the site of a present shopping plaza, stood this two-room brick and shingle school house.*



*District #12 - South Greece - The red brick school house at "Henpeck" was succeeded by a modern structure further south at 425 Elmgrove Road.*



*District #13 at Hoosick, southwest corner of Ridge and Manitou Roads. A joint district, this two room school became an apartment house after it was relocated to Dean Road, Parma.*



*Interior of Hoosick school about 1930.*



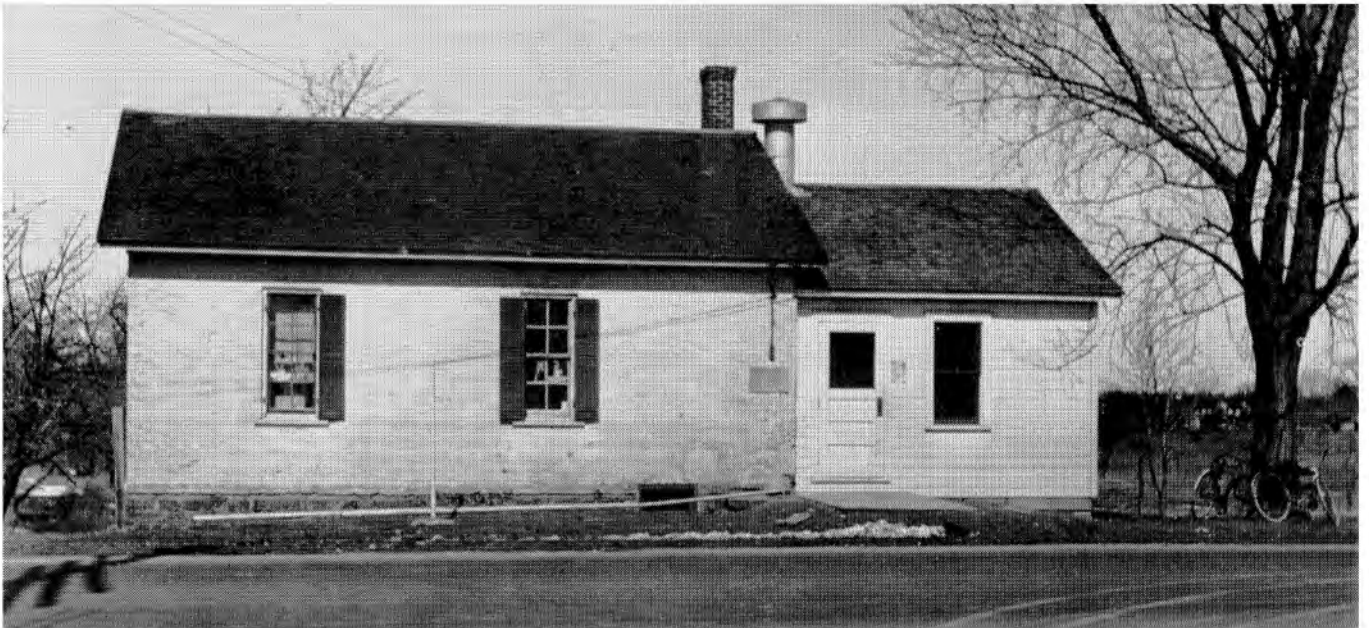
*Lane's Corners School, Joint District #14 of Parma and Greece. The little red brick school at the south west corner of Wilder and Manitou Roads, served a joint Parma-Greece district.*



*Barnard School #15*

*District #15 was established September 5, 1826 and the first school building was used until 1860. It's third structure, a two room schoolhouse, located in the apex between Maiden Lane and Stone Road, facing Stone, was completed in 1916, and considered a model rural school building for its time. By 1924, however, it was overflowing and another building became necessary. A school at the rear of Dewey Avenue Union Church on the southeast corner of Dewey Avenue and Haviland Park (now Bethany Presbyterian) temporarily accommodated grades seven and eight. Formal opening of the new brick school was held in May, 1925.*



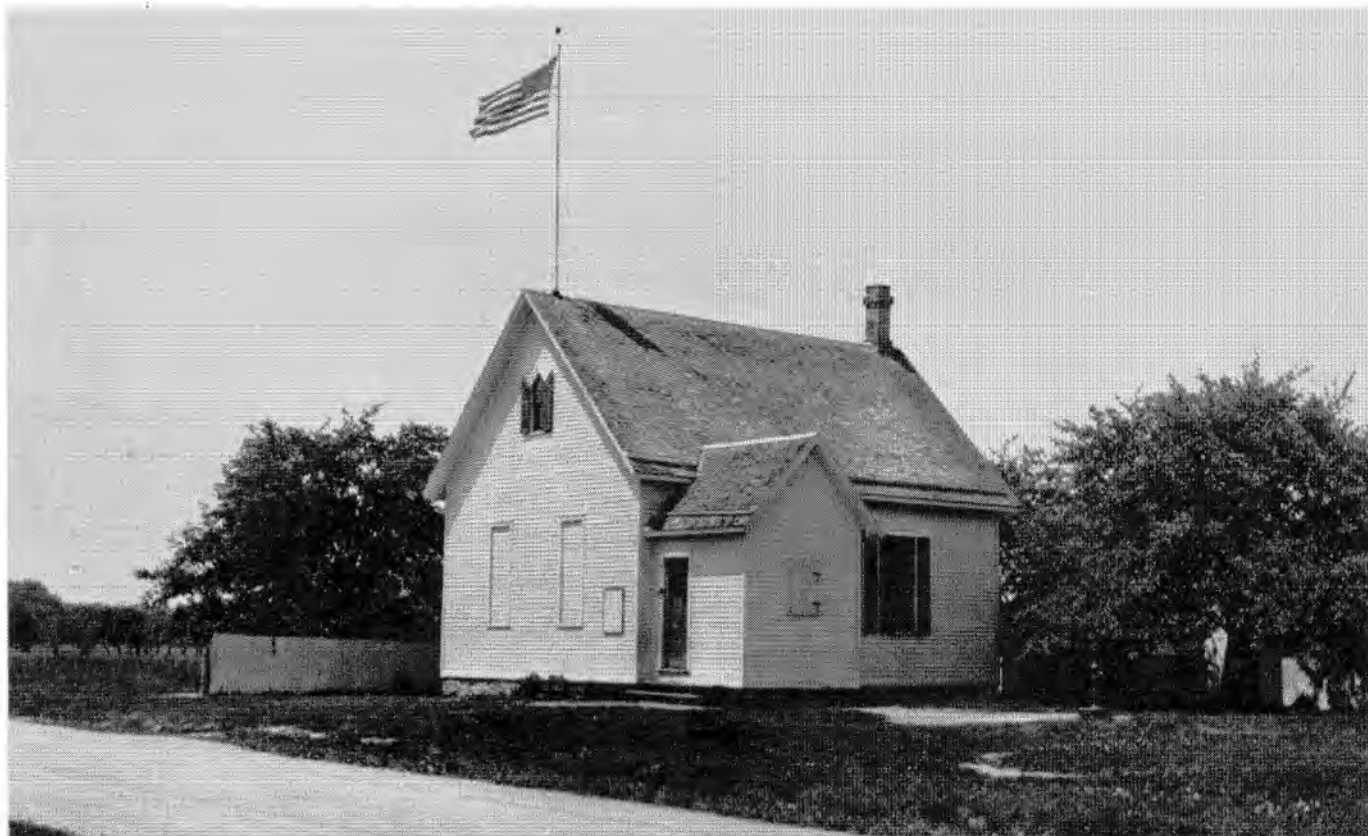


*#16 School was on the north side of Ridge Road about opposite Ridgemont Country Club.*



*Students at #16.*





*#17 School at Latta Road near Long Pond Road (above) is now a business.*



*District #4 - Charlotte. A grammar school, built in 1869, and a high school, built in 1908, were on the site of the present fire house between Lake Avenue and River Street. In 1911, the district employed 13 teachers. Both school buildings were demolished in 1937.*

EDUCATIONAL LEADERS - GREECE  
1823-1988

Commissioners of Common Schools

Simon Hunt, 1823-26  
Silas Cornell, 1823-27  
Bradford King, 1823  
Amos Knapp, 1824  
Henry Patterson, 1824  
Giles H. Holden, 1825-30  
Amos Dean, 1826-30  
E. Barnard, 1826-27  
B. Newman, 1827  
M.B. Gage, 1827-31  
E. Peck, 1827  
Nathaniel Hall, 1828-29  
Elijah Highitt, 1828-29  
Robert H. Brown, 1830-42  
Samuel B. Bradley, 1830-36  
Nicholas Read, 1831-32  
S. Walker, 1830  
Merrell Colby, 1831-32  
Marshall Howe, 1832-33  
Alverin Williams, 1832-34  
Daniel B. Muck, 1833  
Daniel Dunham, 1833  
Amos Emerson, 1834-36  
Henry Benton, 1837  
Joel Gillett Jr., 1837  
James S. Ruggles, 1837  
Thomas S. Canfield, 1837  
Ezekiel Brown, 1838-39  
D.S. Holden, 1838-40  
William How, 1840-42  
Jasper Drake, 1841-43  
Elisha Payne, 1842  
A.S. McKinney, 1842-43  
Elias Gates, 1843

District Principals

Milton Pullen, 1936-1961  
Arvine A. Hawkins, 1961-1965

District Superintendents

Lawrence Watts, 1965-1969  
David B. Robinson, 1969-1983  
Jerry Herman, 1984-85  
John Yagielski, 1986-

Town Superintendent of Common Schools

Dr. Samuel B. Bradley, 1844-52  
Lovinus L. Hillman, 1853-55

Greece Central School District No. 1  
and  
Greece Central School District  
School Officers 1928-1988

1928-29	Trustees	John Easton Norman L. Weeks Adelbert Lauctot Albert M. Merkel Arthur R. Koerner
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	Collector Clerk	John Tallinger Morley H. Pearson
1930-31	Trustees	Adelbert Lauctot Albert M. Merkel Arthur R. Koerner Mrs. Morris Clark Reuben Punnett
	Collector Clerk	John Tallinger Morley H. Pearson
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1932-33	President Trustees	Reuben Punnett Mrs. Adele Clarke Arthur R. Koerner Glen Mathews Willis Paine
	Collector-Treas. Clerk	John Tallinger Morley H. Pearson
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POPULATION - TOWN OF GREECE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>
1880	4,848
1890	5,145
1900	5,579
1910	7,777
1920	8,350
1930	12,113
1940	14,925
1950	25,508
1960	48,670
1964	59,059
1967	69,967
1970	75,136
1980	81,367
1988	92,000 est.



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